

What is claimed is:

1. A fault detection method for an engine controller for the detection of a loss of thrust control resulting in too low or too high a thrust for an intended positive or negative acceleration, respectively, comprising:
 - determining an error of a value relating to engine acceleration or deceleration as a first control parameter,
 - measuring a second control parameter (dependent on engine acceleration or deceleration,
 - comparing each of the two control parameters to a respective specified threshold),
 - determining a simultaneous transgression of the respective thresholds,
 - detecting the presence of engine surge,
 - identifying too high or too low a thrust relative to the intended positive or negative acceleration with both thresholds being transgressed simultaneously, and
 - eliminating disturbances caused by signal noise and engine surge.
2. A fault detection method in accordance with Claim 1, wherein a positive or negative difference (EPRerror) of a command value (EPRcmd) and an actual value (EPRactual) of an engine pressure ratio (EPR) for engine acceleration or deceleration is used as the first control parameter.

3. A fault detection method in accordance with Claim 2, wherein the second parameter is the positive or negative acceleration ($N2dot$) of at least one of a high-pressure shaft, an intermediate-pressure shaft and a low-pressure shaft of the engine.
4. A fault detection method in accordance with Claim 2, wherein the second parameter is a time derivative of at least one of a pressure and a pressure ratio in the engine.
5. A fault detection method in accordance with Claim 2, wherein the second parameter is a time derivative of a fuel flow.
6. A fault detection method in accordance with Claim 2, wherein the second parameter is a time derivative of a torque of an engine shaft.
7. A fault detection method in accordance with Claim 2, wherein the second parameter is a time derivative of at least one of an engine temperature and an engine temperature ratio.
8. A fault detection method in accordance with Claim 3, wherein the specified threshold of the first control parameter and the specified threshold of the second control parameter each represent a limit for the avoidance of disturbances caused by signal noise in an overthrust situation ($-OEPRMN$, $-ON2DMN$) or in an underthrust situation ($+UEPRMN$, $+UN2DMN$).
9. A fault detection method in accordance with Claim 8, wherein the threshold of the error of the engine pressure ratio is approx. ± 0.15 , respectively, and the thresh-

- old of the acceleration of an engine shaft as the second control parameter is approx. $\pm 0.1\%/sec$, respectively, with an $EPR_{error} > 0.15$ and a simultaneously established $N2dot < 0.1\%/sec$ identifying an underthrust situation for an intended acceleration and an $EPR_{error} < -0.15$ and a simultaneously established $N2dot > -0.1\%/sec$ identifying an overthrust situation for an intended deceleration.
10. A fault detection method in accordance with Claim 1, wherein a result of a simultaneous comparison of the first and the second control parameter with the respective threshold is overwritten with a "false" indication if engine surge is detected (SRGDET) in order to prevent a detection of loss of thrust control caused by engine surge being disturbed.
11. A fault detection method in accordance with Claim 1, wherein the specified threshold of the first control parameter and the specified threshold of the second control parameter each represent a limit for the avoidance of disturbances caused by signal noise in an overthrust situation ($-OEPRMN$, $-ON2DMN$) or in an underthrust situation ($+UEPRMN$, $+UN2DMN$).
12. A fault detection method in accordance with Claim 1, wherein the second parameter is the positive or negative acceleration ($N2dot$) of at least one of a high-pressure shaft, an intermediate-pressure shaft and a low-pressure shaft of the engine.
13. A fault detection method in accordance with Claim 1, wherein the second parameter is the time derivative at least one of a pressure and a pressure ratio in the engine.

14. A fault detection method in accordance with Claim 1,
wherein the second parameter is a time derivative of a
fuel flow.
15. A fault detection method in accordance with Claim 1,
5 wherein the second parameter is a derivative of a torque
of an engine shaft.
16. A fault detection method in accordance with Claim 1,
wherein the second parameter is a time derivative of at
least one of an engine temperature and an engine tempera-
10 ture ratio.